bodies in the grants of advance increments and consequent refixation of pay of these teachers in secondary schools should be taken into account for purposes of assessment of teaching grant on half the net cost basis will be considered separately.

"(d) The grant of weightage by way of advance increments has been made obligatory in respect of other servants of municipal councils and district boards."

Assessment of grants taking into account the revised scales of salaries to teachers.

* 86 Q.—Sri H. M. JAGANNATHAM (on behalf of Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government promised to take into account revised scales of salaries given to teachers under aided managements for the purpose of assessing grants;

(b) whether revised rates have been given even retrospective effect in many cases;

(c) whether the Government have since withdrawn their assurance and the managements have been forced to rely on their own resources;

(d) whether the Government are aware that many managements have no resources sufficient to meet this extra expenditure; and

(e) whether representations have been received on the matter and how they have been disposed of?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

"(a) It is presumed that the question relates to aided secondary schools. Expenditure on payment of salaries as fixed in the revised scales will be taken into account for purposes of assessment of teaching grants.

"(b) Managements of aided secondary schools were advised to adopt at least the revised scales of pay fixed for teachers in secondary schools under local bodies from 1st January 1947. In cases where the managements have not so adopted the revised scales, the Government have decided to insist on the revised scales being adopted from 1st June 1947.

"(c) No. The Government have since ordered also that if the managements have allowed advance increments in the revised scales of pay adopted by them according to the principles laid down for the grant of such increments either in the Government scales or in the local bodies' scales, the expenditure incurred on payment of salaries as refixed in the revised scales will be taken into account for purposes of assessment of teaching grant.

"(d) No. To enable the managements to meet the additional expenditure involved in the adoption of the revised scales the

Government raised the basis of assessment of teaching grant from one-half to two-thirds of the approved net cost from 1st June 1947.

"(e) No representations have been received after the orders referred to in (c) were issued."

"*Mourning Week*" *observed by Tamil teachers.*

* 87 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the "Mourning Week" observed by Tamil teachers;

(b) whether any and what demands have been made by the Provincial Tamil Teachers' Association, and, whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken thereon by the Government;

(c) how and in what manner have the Government endeavoured, and what steps have been taken, to improve the lot of Tamil Teachers (of all grades) since March 1946;

(d) the present salaries and allowances of the Tamil Teachers (of various grades) and the corresponding salaries and allowances of English Teachers; and the differences (in percentage); and

(e) Whether the Government have any proposal to equalize the salaries of the Tamil and English Teachers and, if so, the details of the proposal?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

"(a) Yes.

"(b) Representations have been received from the Madras Tamil Teachers' Association and the Madras Presidency Tamil Sangham and they are under consideration.

"(c) It is presumed that by 'Tamil Teachers' 'Tamil Pandits' are meant. The scales of pay for such Pandits were revised and fixed with effect from 1st January 1947 as in the case of teachers in other subjects. With reference to certain representations made subsequently the grades, qualifications and scales of pay for Pandits and Munshis have been further revised placing qualified Pandits on a par with L.T. and Secondary Grade Assistants in other subjects in the matter of pay.

"(d) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table. There is no difference in the scales of pay now between L.T. Assistants and Secondary Grade teachers teaching other subjects and Pandits and Munshis in the corresponding grades teaching the languages alone.

"(e) Teachers in schools are not classified as English teachers and Tamil teachers—Tamil Pandits are now teaching the language alone while the other teachers teach not only English but also other subjects through the medium of English

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 445–446 infra.